IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: ENOMURA, Shinichi Conf.:

Appl. No.: NEW Group:

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For: PROCESSING APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR

FLUID, AND DEAERATOR THEREWITH

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

July 16, 2003

## Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

## IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows: